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The University of Montana tennis team leaves Wednesday for the Big Sky tennis championships scheduled for May 14-15 in Boise.

Coach Jack McWhorter said Idaho is the favorite in the finals and he figures Montana to give the Vandals a run for the title. Idaho has won the title the past four years and was the only Big Sky team to beat Montana this season. The Grizzlies are 11-6 on the year.

Number five player Gary Israel is the top Grizzly entering the finals. He has a 16-1 year on the year and has a two year total of 26-4. Israel finished second last year at Moscow to Idaho's Bob Brunn.

McWhorter said number one's star Rick Ferrell is still on the doubtful list. "His elbow hasn't improved and he has trouble serving," McWhorter said. The Montana coach plans to substitute Missoula freshman Don Harris at the number one position. Harris is 5-5 on the year.

Dirk Miller will be at number two for Montana. Last year he lost the number two championship to Idaho's Sterling Bishop and has a 13-4 record going into the finals.

Ron Wendte, number three, is 5-5 on the year while number four star Chris Green is 11-6. McWhorter said Green has an excellent chance to win his bracket at Boise.

Al Shiotsuka, 6-7 on the year, will be at the number six spot.

In the doubles, McWhorter will use Miller and Steve Greene at number one. They have a 6-2 record. At number two is Chris Greene and Wendte. They are 8-2.

McWhorter feels the number three doubles team of Shiotsuka and Harris, 7-1 on the year, has the best chance to bring home a title among the doubles teams.

The Montana coach concluded that Montana will be in the money if the other team split Idaho as anticipated. He feels Montana's chances are better than last year.